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REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 4946; (B) EC BRUSSELS 4611;  
(C) EC BRUSSELS 3428; (D) EC BRUSSELS 3760

1. FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT REGARDING THE US/EC GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL  
FISHERY AGREEMENT (GIFA) (REF A), THE PROPOSED COMMISSION  
REGULATION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT HAS RUN INTO PROBLEMS  
WITH THE EC MEMBER STATES. THEY DECIDED, IN A MEETING OF  
THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) ON  
MAY 27, THAT MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO CONSIDER THE  
MODALITIES FOR APPLICATION OF THE GIFA BUT THAT, IN THE  
INTERIM, THEY WOULD ENACT THE MINIMUM PROVISIONS WHICH THEY  
BELIEVE ARE NECESSARY TO PERMIT THE AGREEMENT TO GO INTO FORCE.  
A SHORTENED REGULATION CONSISTING ESSENTIALLY OF ARTICLES 1, 2  
AND 9 OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSED REGULATION (SUMMARIZED IN REF C  
AND POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT) HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR  
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APPROVAL BY THE WRITTEN PROCEDURE TECHNIQUE. THE UK HAS  
BLOCKED APPROVAL TO DATE BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT AS TO  
WHICH PROVISIONS OF THE EEC TREATY PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY  
FOR THIS REGULATION.

2. A UK PERMREP OFFICIAL AND AN EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MATTER HAVE INFORMED US

THAT COUNCIL LEGAL SERVICES AND LEGAL ADVISERS OF THE MEMBER STATES ARE CONVINCED THAT ENACTMENT OF THIS SHORTENED REGULATION WILL GIVE THE COMMISSION LEGAL AUTHORITY TO COMPEL THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN WASHINGTON TO BRING THE GIFA INTO FORCE. THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES AS TO WHETHER THE PROVISIONS OF THE REMAINING ARTICLES IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSED REGULATION ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ASSURE ADHERENCE TO THE TERMS OF THE GIFA IN THE COMMUNITY.

3. A COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ALL PROCEDURES, THE COUNCIL REQUIRES AN ORIGINAL COPY OF THE SIGNATURE PAGE OF THE GIFA SIGNED IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY. THIS APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED IN BRUSSELS, AND THIS OFFICIAL RECENTLY REQUESTED A COPY FROM THE OFFICE OF MCQUADE, L/T. THE FINAL TEXT OF THE GIFA IN THE FIVE COMMUNITY LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AND WILL BE PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS THE DRAFT TRANSLATIONS, AS AGREED UPON BY THE DEPARTMENT JURIS LINGUISTS AND THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, ARE RECEIVED IN BRUSSELS. THE DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO VERIFY WITH THE EC DELEGATION THAT THESE PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN OVERCOME.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE WILL BE NOTIFIED SHORTLY THAT THE EC REGARDS THE GIFA AS HAVING ENTERED INTO FORCE IN TIME FOR THE START OF FISHING BY WEST GERMAN (AND POSSIBLY OTHER) VESSELS SCHEDULED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MID-JUNE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE--AS REQUESTED BY REFS B AND D--CONFIRMATION THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR FISHING LICENSES FOR THE EC (FRANCE, ITALY AND THE FRG) ARE IN ORDER. IN PARTICULAR, WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THE ITALIANS NEED TO RESUBMIT APPLICATIONS IF THEY WISH TO RE-ENTER US WATERS THIS SUMMER.

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